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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>			
Applicants:	Smetan	Conf. No.:	1595
Application No.:	10/562,959	Group No.:	1793
Filing Date.:	October 12, 2006	Examiner:	Lin
Title:	PRODUCTION LINE AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CAST PARTS, FROM A METALLIC MELT, IN PARTICULAR A LIGHT MOLTEN METAL, WHICH TAKES PLACE IN A CONTINUOUS CYCLE		

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 490.00  
☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3081.

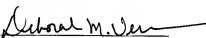
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- ☐ applicant/inventor.  
☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).  
☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 55,699.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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